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I. PREVIOUS ROLE OF SCS: TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO THE FIELD WITH LITTLE OR MINIMUM INTERFACING WITH DOMESTIC U.S. PUBLIC AND WITH LITTLE OR MINIMUM ASSESSMENT: ANALYSIS OF SCS PROBLEMS. ONLY BASIC (TRADITIONAL) ASSISTANCE WAS OFFERED TO AMCITS WITH LITTLE OR MINIMUM INTERFACING WITH GEOGRAPHIC DESKS ON POLITICALLY SENSITIVE SCS CASES.

II. SCS WORK IS PRIMARILY LABOR INTENSIVE WITH PROGRAM FUNDS NECESSARY FOR REPATRIATION, ASSISTANCE TO PRISONERS AND NEW (TO BE DEVELOPED) AREAS OF ASSISTANCE TO TEMPORARILY STRANDED TRAVELERS, LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO PRISONERS AND AN EXPANDED FEDERAL BENEFITS (CLAIMS-TAKING) PROGRAM. ESSENTIAL IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN SCS INFORMATION SYSTEM TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DATA BASE. SCS MUST BE RESPONDING TO INTENSE CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN AS EXPRESSED IN REPORT NO. 95-231 DATED APRIL 29, 1977, FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, FY 1978. SEE ESPECIALLY PAGES 7 AND 9. IN THIS CONTEXT, DECISION PACKAGES I - III WOULD BE UNRESPONSIVE; ONLY NO. IV UNCLASSIFIED

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APPEARS LIKELY TO SATISFY THESE DEMANDS.

III. OBJECTIVES: TO RESPOND TO PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL DEMANDS FOR INCREASED (QUANTITATIVELY AND QUALITATIVELY) SERVICES ON BEHALF AMCITS ABROAD IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

1) WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS: MISSING PERSONS, ILL, AND GENERAL FACILITATIVE SERVICES; 2) ARRESTS; 3) FINANCIAL

SERVICES: EXPAND TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR TEMPORARILY FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED PERSONS (NOT REPATRIATION CASES), AND MANAGING NEW PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE TO PRISONERS (DIETARY AND MEDICAL); 4) DEATHS: SPEED-UP ISSUANCE OF FS-192'S; 5) ESTATES; 6) PROPERTY CLAIMS; 7) NOTARIALS AND JUDICIAL SERVICES: EXPAND TO PROVIDE MONITORING AND OBTENTION OF LEGAL ASSISTANCE/COUNSEL FOR AMCITS DETAINED OR ARRESTED ABROAD; 8) FEDERAL BENEFITS: HOW TO BETTER MANAGE (AND PREVENT FRAUD) THE GROWING PROGRAM WHICH INCREASINGLY INVOLVES CLAIMS-TAKING ABROAD BY SSA PERSONNEL; 9) SHIPPING AND SEAMEN: HOW CAN WE GET A BETTER HANDLE ON THIS?, AND 10) CONSULAR CONVENTIONS: SIGNIFICANTLY EXPAND PROGRAM NOW TO NEGOTIATE ADEQUATE TREATIES WITH ALL COUNTRIES - THIS IS ESSENTIAL IN ORDER THAT CONOFFS LIMITED AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE BY LOCAL LAW IN PERFORMING AN EXPANDED ROLE IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR AMCITS.

IV. STRATEGIES: SCS MUST ASSUME ACTIVE, INNOVATIVE ROLE BOTH WITH GEOGRAPHIC DESKS AND WITH THE DOMESTIC U.S. PUBLIC (NOT REFERRING PROBLEMS DIRECTLY TO POSTS ABROAD). SCS HAS EXPERTISE AND MUST WORK WITH DESKS ON POLITICALLY SENSITIVE CASES BUT NOT ABDICATE "ACTION" TO THE DESKS. SCS MUST THOROUGHLY, BUT QUICKLY, MONITOR CASES AND RESPOND INSTANTLY (AND ON OUR OWN INITIATIVE NOT JUST IN REACTION TO QUESTIONS ASKED) TO THE FIELD. SCS MUST ISSUE INSTANTLY PROCEDURAL NOTES TO 7 FAM THAT WILL PROVIDE USEFUL, PRACTICAL EXPERTISE TO CONOFFS ON HOW TO PROVIDE SERVICES EXPANDING INTO AREAS NOT COVERED BEFORE SUCH AS ADVICE ON UNCLASSIFIED

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HOW TO HANDLE VISITS TO AN AMCIT IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL. SCS MUST VISIT THE FIELD MORE OFTEN TO OBSERVE PROBLEM AREAS FIRST-HAND AND PROVIDE ON-SPOT GUIDANCE.

V. RESOURCES: A) NON-HUMAN - SEEK FUNDS FOR ABOVE EXPANDED PROGRAMS, TRAVEL AND TO DEVELOP ADQUATE INFO SYSTEMS FOR SCS AS A WHOLE (NOT JUST ARRESTS); B) HUMAN - AS DISCUSSED EARLIER IMPLEMENT PLAN TO REPROGRAM 2 POSITIONS AND SEEK POSITIONS ALREADY REQUESTED AS WELL AS 2 POSITIONS ADDED BY THE PROPOSED HOUSE AUTHORIZATION BILL. CLERICAL POSITIONS SHOULD BE ADDED TO FEDERAL BENEFITS AND INFO SYSTEM WHILE OFFICER POSITIONS SHOULD GO TO W/W, ARRRESTS AND POSSIBLY FINANCIAL SERVICES. SCS "ATTORNEY-BASE" SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED FOR EXPANDED PROGRAM ON CONVENTIONS AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE. MEEHAN

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